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# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



## Tupelo or Black Gum

*Nyssa sylvatica*

This tree does grow well in wet areas or damp ground. Since the Tupelo can grow as tall as 100', it does not do well under the power lines but would thrive in a park setting, especially near water. This tree is one of the first trees to display the orange/red autumn foliage.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

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## DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

The month of May is often considered the "springtime of life." It is an opportunity to celebrate May Day and recover from April's activities (phew!). With longer days, there is more time to be outside, enjoy the newly planted trees, check to see if the shipping wrap has been removed (great place for insects to nest, which is not a good idea), that the mulch is okay and the berm around the planting hole is doing fine to help keep the water where it is needed.

### EDITOR'S CHAGRIN . . .

We are always striving for excellence and perfection in the development, layout and information transferred through the TreeLink. However, on very rare occasions, we do have an error. It appears that in the April issue there was a typographical error regarding the toll free number for the Pacific Northwest Chapter of ISA. **The correct number is 1-800-335-4391.** The editor is truly sorry for any inconvenience this has caused people and most apologetic to the PNW ISA chapter for this mishap.

Every effort is made, and will continue to be made, to prevent such a deleterious mistake from occurring in the future.

### NEW COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FORESTER TO START MAY 1

With Tracy Salisbury's departure in December, the Urban and Community Forestry Program has been sorely short-handed. However, we have finally been able to fill her shoes although this was no easy task! It required a national search which began in December, ended in March and a new Community Assistance Forester will be starting in May.

Kevin LeClair, previously with Natural Path Forestry Consultants in Missoula, Montana, was selected through this exhaustive process. Kevin has a B.S. in Forest Resources Management from the University of Montana. He brings a strong technical urban and community forestry background from his past work with Natural Path. There he worked as an urban forester providing assistance to communities under contract with Natural Path throughout the nation to assist in the development of the communities inventory/management programs. Kevin has a strong, diverse background dealing with a wide variety of community issues as a result of his work with Natural Path.

Although Kevin will be spending the first few months getting acclimated to a new area, new people and new weather, we are confident it won't be long before he will be up to speed with all the issues and be entrenched with the exciting, unlimited opportunities available from the state-wide perspective for the new Community Assistance Forester and bring forth great ideas to try here in Washington.

### ELECTRICAL HAZARD AWARENESS TRAINING

Washington Water Power is offering an electrical hazard awareness training on May 9, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Jack Stewart Training Center in Spokane. This program is designed to inform arborists, who are not qualified as line clearance workers, about electrical hazards. It will also cover identification of electrical hazards, laws and regulations, identification of electrical equipment, a live-line demonstration and how to work on trees near low voltage service lines. **This will not qualify anyone to work near energized lines, but will simply provide training on how to identify electrical hazards and when to call the utility owner for further information and assistance.** Please call Gayle Pettinger at WWP (509) 482-4527 to pre-register by May 5 and to also get directions. A \$10.00 fee is payable at the door.

## In the works (continued)

*"If we don't change our  
direction, we're likely to end up  
where we are headed."*

*Chinese Proverb*

**TRIVIA:** How many Arbor Days has  
Washington State celebrated?  
(answer's upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

## On the Horizon

**The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.**

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## STORMS OVER THE URBAN FOREST NATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 18-20 in NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA

It's not too late to sign up for this great conference opportunity presented by The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the USFS, ISA and the University of Nebraska/Nebraska Forest Service. This conference will help registrants determine roles and responsibilities before a disaster happens, gain insights into planning, learn how to do tree-triage, learn the role of media and how to work with them, learn how to evaluate the condition of the urban forest as you prepare for recovery, discover new ways to turn that "mountain" of municipal tree debris into marketable products and gain valuable information for successfully financing recovery after a natural disaster, including the Disaster Declaration Process and key contacts for working with FEMA.

To get more information and registration costs, call the Lied Center directly at 1-888-448-7337.

## ADVANCED TREE APPRAISAL WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE, WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM MAY 27

This workshop is for professionals with previous tree appraisal experience. Classroom instruction will address frequently misunderstood issues, such as determining location factors and assessing commodity/timber value versus amenity value. Examples will be provided when appraisals should and should not be done, as well as discuss situations where a non-plant architectural solution may offer the best method of damage restoration. There is a \$65 registration fee, which includes lunch. This program earns 5.0 CEU for ISA certification. For more information, please contact CUH at (206) 543-6450.

Trees for Kids 1998, Iowa DNR: This 31-page booklet has been updated from a few years ago and is filled with great ideas to educate students about the values of trees and to encourage actual tree planting projects at their schools. To get a copy, call either Iowa DNR at (515) 281-4915 or the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE (8733).

A Field Guide to the Common Wetland Plants of Western Washington and Oregon, edited by Sara Spear Cooke. Seattle: Seattle Audubon Society, 1997.

### May

18-20 Storms Over the Urban Forest National Conference at Lied Conference Center Nebraska City, Nebraska. For more information, contact National Arbor Day Foundation at (888) 448-7337.

21-22 23rd Annual Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference, Neighborhoods Soaring to New Heights, will draw on the successes and accomplishments of cities nationwide. For more information, call NUSA at (503) 644-5614.

27 Washington Community Forestry Council. Meeting will be held in Omak. For more information, contact tish carr at (360) 902-1703.

### June

16 Pruning Japanese Laceleaf Maples. Class will be held at CUH from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact CUH at (206) 543-6450.



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